

INSTRUCTION

Alternative Education

At the discretion of the superintendent and the Stafford County School Board, alternative programs and/or alternative methods of granting unit credit may be developed under the following guidelines:

1. ensure that the scope of each course for which credit is awarded under this provision is comparable to the scope of a corresponding course meeting the standard of 140 clock hours of instruction;
2. develop a set of performance objectives for a well-defined course of study which will clearly indicate that, upon completion, the student will have met the aims and objectives of the course as evidenced through the mastery of certain predetermined skills, knowledge, and values associated with the course;
3. develop procedures for evaluating the progress of students in this program. Such procedures could include criterion-referenced tests or standardized tests and shall include any applicable Standards of Learning tests; and,
4. receive approval from the division superintendent and school board.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:1. Standard 1. Basic skills, selected programs and instructional personnel.

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-110 "A. The standard unit of credit for graduation shall be based on a minimum of 140 clock hours of instruction.

B. A verified unit of credit shall be based on. . .the achievement of a passing score on the end-of-course Standards of Learning test for that course." (Adopted September 4, 1997, effective October 31, 1997).

Adopted by School Board: June 29, 1999